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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
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Banks.
COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.
INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.
—and—
BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1860.
Recognized by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.
Trans. & Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 \$, 3,200,000 RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 \$, 800,000
HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
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LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.
INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balance, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.
CHR. DE GUIGNÉ,
Manager.
Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1876. jyl

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.
COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—E. R. BELFLORES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDER, Esq.
J. F. CORDON, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SARSON, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.
CHIEF MANAGER.
HONGKONG, JAMES GREGG, Esq. Manager.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
JAMES GREGG,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.
NOTICE.
MR. THEOPHILUS GEE LINSTRAD is authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and Canton.
FURDON & Co.
China, June 1, 1876. jyl
NOTICE.
MR. H. MUMFERT SCHULTZ has been authorized to sign our Firm per procurator.
WIELER & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.
NOTICE.
THE Undersigned has been appointed SURVEYOR TO LLOYDS REGISTER at this Port.
R. H. CAIRNS.
1, Club Chambers, Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

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I Have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procurator.
A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.
NOTICE.
WE have Established branches of our Firm at Halphing and Hanol. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign per procurator in Tonquin.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the first day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.
A. G. MORRIS.
E. C. RAY.
Bank Buildings, Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE.
200 Casks CLARET from BORDEAUX. Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, March 10, 1876.
TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
FOR SALE. Large Takasima Coal, at \$8 per ton, ex Godown. Small Takasima Coal, \$5 per ton, ex Godown. Apply to
T. G. GLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road, and at East Point, Hongkong, May 18, 1876.

FOR SALE.
WM. CHILLINGWORTH & SON'S CROWN SUBSIDIES AND PORTS. R. P. ATKINS & Co.'s PORT. BASS'S ALE, in Quarts and Pints. WM. YOUNGER & Co.'s Edinburgh STRONG ALE, in Hogsheads.
W. H. NOTLEY,
Hongkong, June 9, 1876. jyl

FOR SALE.—Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Mosque Street. Nos. 1 and 3 Mosque Junction. Crown Rent, \$7.28 a year. Monthly Rentals, \$110. Price for the lot, \$4,000 Nett. Taxes payable by tenants. Apply to
J. D. HUMPHREYS,
Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong, June 16, 1876. jyl

FOR SALE.
A NUMBER OF NEW IRON WATER TANKS, 4 Feet square. Apply to
CAPTAIN on BOARD,
American Bark "American Lloyd," Hongkong, May 30, 1876.

Intimations.
CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.
NOTICE.
THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, **OLYFANT & Co.,** General Agents. Hongkong, June 13, 1876. jyl

NOTICE.
SAILMAKING DEPARTMENT.
DURING the Temporary Absence of our Mr. W. DOLAN, this DEPARTMENT will be CARRIED ON as heretofore, under the Superintendence of Experienced FOREMEN, who have acted in this capacity under Mr. Dolan for 13 years. All Orders in this Branch of Business will have our careful attention.
MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

DANISH CONSULATE.
HONGKONG, June 17, 1876.
NOTICE. is hereby given that Mr. RUDOLPH JENSEN having resigned the Office of Consul for this Colony for H. M. the King of Denmark, applications for the Office should be sent in to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen, before the first of November, 1876.
H. KLEER,
Consult. pro tem.

HOLMES' RESCUE LIGHTS.
CAPTAINS, wishing to test the value of the above-named LIGHTS, so favourably mentioned in the Papers this winter, may obtain any number at the price of about £1 a Piece. Apply at
WM. PUSTAU & Co.'s Shipping Office.
Hongkong, June 18, 1876. jyl

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
THE OFFICES of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY have this DAY been REMOVED to the Premises No. 16, PRAYA CENTRAL, lately occupied by Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, June 5, 1876.

Intimations.
THE MEDICAL HALL,
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
ESTABLISHED 1853.
TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, April 23, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.
Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,
38, Queen's Road,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS,
&c., &c., &c.,
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.
All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tl

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE
"SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE,"
IT WILL BE THE
CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA
and as a large
INCREASE OF CIRCULATION
MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE
ADVERTISERS
IS OBTAINING.

F. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS,
Essen (Germany).
Sole Agent for China,
F. PILL,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOGNE (Germany).

LOONG SHING & Co.,
DEALERS IN ANCIENT
CHINESE CURIOSITIES
AND
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
No. 24, Wellington Street,
HONGKONG. [a24]

AH YON,
SHIPS' COMPEADORE AND STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;
and to
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,
Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB, HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views, &c., of Amoy, Formosa and all the different Chinese Ports. Also, a large assortment of Photographic Albums, Frames, Writing Cases, Decks and many other ornamental and useful articles too numerous to mention.
Hongkong, May 15, 1876.

NOTICE.
THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.
THE CERTIFICATES of the SHARES Numbered 561/575 and 621/630 (inclusive) in this Company, standing in the Register in the name of Mr. WILLIAM RUDOLPH LANDSTEIN, having been lost by him; Notice is hereby given that New Certificates for such Shares have this day been issued to the said WILLIAM RUDOLPH LANDSTEIN as such registered Proprietor of the Shares therein mentioned, and that the Original Certificates will hereafter be held by the Company as null and void.
Dated the 14th day of June, A.D., 1876.
By Order of the Directors,
L. HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
HEAD OFFICE, Shanghai, 26th May, 1876.
FROM and after this Date, the Rate for MESSAGES between this and GUTZLAFF is Reduced from \$4 to \$2 for 30 Words. Arrangements may be made for reporting by wire any Signals hoisted by Vessels passing.
GEORGE J. HELLAND,
General Agent.
June 8, 1876. jyl

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned begs to inform the Public that he has received a very large assortment of WINES and SPIRITS of the best brand, and solicits an inspection of same.
C. L. TREVENIN,
No. 44, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, June 15, 1876. jyl

Intimations.
HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR the convenience of travellers, the Steamer "POWAN" will leave HONGKONG at Noon on SATURDAYS, and MACAO at 7 a.m. on MONDAYS, commencing on Saturday Next, the 17th Instant. On other days the Hour of Departure from both places will be 9 a.m.
By Order,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, June 15, 1876.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned on or before SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at Noon, for the performance of the following Services, viz.:—
FOR THE NAVAL HOSPITAL, MOUNT SHADWELL.
Building a Guard Room and Entrance Gates.
Building Chinese Servants' Latrine and Urinal, and Altering Servants' Quarters.
Erecting Smoking Shed.
NAVAL YARD.
Sundry Repairs to Buildings.
Plans and Specifications can be seen and particulars obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.
JOHN BREMMER,
Naval Storekeeper.
H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, June 17, 1876. jyl

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Rooms, Praya, on
TUESDAY,
the 20th June, 1876, at Noon,—
Ex S.S. "KWANGTUNG."
(For account of the concerned.)
A Quantity of IRON and BRASS STEAM ENGINE GEAR, STEAM WINCH GEAR, and Sundry FITTINGS.
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, June 13, 1876. jyl

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 21st June, 1876, at 11 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard,—
SUNDRY VICTUALLING and NAVAL STORES, comprising: Copper Pipes, Old Iron, Hoses, Lignum Vite, Linen, Canvas Bags, Blue Cloth, Duck, Serge, Jean, Blankets, Shoes, Tobacco, Mess Traps, Packing Cases, Casks, Implements, &c., &c.
Also,
2 60-H.P. Engines.
1 Washing Machine.
1 Ice-Making Machine.
1 Normandy's Condenser.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The lots, with all faults and errors of every description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.
Hongkong, June 13, 1876. jyl

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on account of whom it may concern, on
TUESDAY,
the 27th June, 1876, at Noon, at his Office, Marine House, Queen's Road,—
The Steamer
"PAW TUXE" of Boston, Massachusetts, 280 Hk. Tons Registered Burden; with a Battery consisting of
2 Brass 24lb. Howitzers.
2 20lb. Rifled Parrotts.
1 30lb. Rifled Parrotta.
Sundry Shot and Shell for above Battery.
The above Vessel was purchased of the United States Government, and is Registered at Boston; Register No. 177, dated 16th September, 1867.
TERMS OF SALE.—One half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
For further Particulars apply to the United States Consulate at Hongkong; the Trustees of the Estate of AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Queen's Road; or to the Undersigned, where inventories may be seen.
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, June 15, 1876. jyl

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship "ANNE FISH,"
HOPKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1876. jyl

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship "COMET,"
BART, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1876. jyl

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Brig "SAN LORENZO,"
Pico, Master, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, May 25, 1876. jyl

Shipping.
Steamers.
FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.
The Steamer "TARTAR" will be despatched for the above Ports at Daylight, on TUESDAY, the 20th Instant. The Steamer has excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 17, 1876. jyl

FOR MANILA.
The Steamship "EMERALDA,"
Captain THEBAUD, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON,
Agent.
Hongkong, June 17, 1876. jyl

FOR LONDON.
The Steamship "BENLEDI,"
Captain BUCHANAN, will load as above and be despatched on MONDAY, the 26th Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents S.S. Benledi.
Hongkong, June 18, 1876. jyl

Sailing Vessels.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
(To follow the "Wealthy Pendleton.")
The A 1 American Bark "AMERICAN LLOYDS,"
Captain PARK, will be despatched for the above Port on the 21st June.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876. jyl

FOR LONDON.
The A 1 British Clipper Ship "COMMISSARY,"
Captain HUNTER, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, May 19, 1876. jyl

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Bark "CHARLES C. LEARY,"
N. STEPHEN, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1876. jyl

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 British Bark "SOPHIE,"
Captain JONES, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load here and at Whampoa, and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
OLYFANT & Co.
Hongkong, June 12, 1876. jyl

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship "ANNE FISH,"
HOPKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1876. jyl

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship "COMET,"
BART, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1876. jyl

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
The A 1 British Bark "VINDEZ,"
Capt. PARKHOUSE, with a large portion of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1876. jyl

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Brig "SAN LORENZO,"
Pico, Master, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, May 25, 1876. jyl

Shipping.
Sailing Vessels.
FOR LONDON.
The A 1 British Clipper Bark "ONWARD,"
T. STIMSON, Master, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, June 15, 1876.

FOR LONDON.
The A 1 British Clipper Bark "BRITISH CROWN,"
W. ANDREWS, Master, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, May 11, 1876.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.
THE S.S. Glenroy, Captain TAYLOR, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored at their Godowns, whence and or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-morrow, the 16th Instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents S.S. Glenroy.
Hongkong, June 15, 1876. jyl

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "Sardapan," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 16th June, 1876. Goods undelivered after the 23rd June, 1876, will be subject to rent.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 14, 1876. jyl

S.S. TARTAR.
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.
THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr. A. McG. HEATON, whence delivery may be obtained. Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining after the 23rd Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 16, 1876. jyl

S. S. CROCUS,
FROM SAN FRANCISCO.
THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, June 11, 1876.

ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S.S. Belgis from San Francisco and Yokohama, are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
G. B. EMORY,
Agent.
Hongkong, June 18, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
G. B. EMORY,
Agent.
Ex Hooghly, March 10, 1876.
R.M. No. 29, One case Merchandise, T & L from Marseilles.
Ex Ada, May 2, 1876.
O.P. 106 bags Gum, from Bombay.
Ex Amato, May 14, 1876.
P.G. 181 bags Gum and 4 cases Vermilion.
C.E.P. 4 boxes Merchandise.
O.J.L. 3 bags Gum.
No marks 2 " Raisins.
S.S. Andary.
G.R. No. 1/42=42 boxes Wines.
B.K.H. 6885/6887=3 cases Merchandise.
Hongkong, June 9, 1876.

For Sale.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen.)
Pints, \$16 " " (2 ")
5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.
Bourbon WHISKEY.
\$12 per case (1 dozen.)
FOR SALE BY
HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Now Ready.

THE CHINA REVIEW,
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Annual Subscription, postage included,
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Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office.
Hongkong, May 16, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR KOCHOOW (DIRECT).

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "DOUGLAS" will be despatched at above TO-MORROW, the 20th Instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876. je20

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS" Captain BURNETT, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876. je21

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "DEUVALION" will be despatched on or about the 30th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876. je20

FOR SALE, FREIGHT & CHARTER.

The A. B. L. "ALPHINGTON," of 327 Tons Register.
Apply to
WIELER & Co.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876.

FRENCH BARK NESTOR, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signers for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
Consignees are also informed that, before delivery can be obtained, they will be required to sign the Average Bond and to give Approved Guarantee for Contribution to General Average.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876. je22

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.
THE LOWER STOREY of AIRLEA, West Point, with separate entrance, Garden, stable, &c. Rent, \$30.
SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
"Lichtenberg," German barque, Captain Matson.—Wm. Pustan & Co.
"Comet," American ship, Captain William E. Bray.
"Vindex," British barque, Captain John Parkhouse.
"Zorova," British barque, Captain Geo. Seavert.—Gillman & Co.
"Willard," American barque, Captain J. B. Dickey.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
"Kwong," British barque, Capt. Knowles.—Melchers & Co.
"Bohrie," British barque, Captain Reed Jones.
"Fritsch," German barque, Captain J. Greif.—Eduard, Schellhaas & Co.
"Fontenay," British ship, Capt. George B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
"Nyachus," American ship, Capt. Pierce.—Eduard Schellhaas & Co.
"Anna Hattweidell," German barque, J. M. Schröder.—Eduard Schellhaas & Co.
"Cingalee," British barque, Capt. David Anton.
"Gazela," Dutch schooner, Captain J. S. Mulder.—Eduard, Schellhaas & Co.
"Alphington," British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FURNITURE SALE.

HANDSOME ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 26th June, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 13, Staunton Street, the Residence of A. ESPANTOSO, Esq.,—

The whole of his Handsome Household FURNITURE, comprising:—
English-made Walnut Green Rep Covered Drawing-room Suite, Handsome Mirrors in Gilt Frames, Clocks, Window Curtains, Carpets, Gasaliers, Writing Desks, A nice Collection of Pictures, Handsomely Carved Blackwood Marble-top Tables and Teapots, Dining Table, Side Board, Chiffonier, Whatnot, Gasaliers, Electroplated Ware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Chairs, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Glasses, Toilet Tables, Couches, Flower-Pots and Flowers, Aquarium, Japanese Vases, Bronzes,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

A PONY DOG CART.

A PONY BASKET CARRIAGE.
Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture will be on view on Saturday, the 24th June.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876. je26

THE WONDERFUL ARAB DWARF.

BINAMHNOOD, one of the greatest of living prodigies, is now being exhibited at the ORIENTAL HOTEL, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

BINAMHNOOD is an Arab, 25 years of age and 33 inches in height; has no legs or arms, yet walks about, feeds himself, writes his name, &c.; besides his native tongue, he speaks English, French, Dutch, Hindostani, Malay, and several other languages.
ADMISSION—FIFTY CENTS.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.
The DINNER HOUR at this Establishment will be HALF-PAST SEVEN until further notice.
STOCKHAUSEN and ROSE,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, June 19, 1876. je26

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 17, *William Turner*, British barque, CHARLOTTE & Co.
June 17, *Philip Fife Patrick*, American barque, 332, P. M. S. B. Co.
June 18, *Cingalee*, British barque, 339, David Anton, Saigon June 9, Rice.—CHINESE.
June 18, *Thoon Kramon*, Siam barque, 474, P. W. Vorrath, Bangkok June 1, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.
June 18, *Bowen*, British steamer, 1500, Miller, Sydney May 31, Cooktown June 6, and Somerset 8, Treasurer.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
June 18, 8.25 p.m., *Ningpo*, British str., 761, Cass, Shanghai June 15, 4 a.m., General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
June 18, *Carl*, German brig, 215, Thomson, Newcastle (N.S.W.) April 17, Coal.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
June 18, *Nestor*, French ship, 789, Guquel, London January 4, General.—MELCHERS & Co.
June 19, *Cochetstone*, British barque, 373, Larousson, Saigon June 7, Rice.—ORDER.
June 19, *Alexander McNeil*, Amer. ship, 1090, Pattice, Cardiff Jan. 31, Coal.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
June 19, *Syringa*, British schooner, 242, B. Partridge, Newcastle (N.S.W.) April 4, Coal.—SIEMSEN & Co.
June 19, *Calabar*, British steamer, 872, Hutchison, Singapore May 28 and Saigon June 15, General.—CHINESE.
June 19, *Katow*, British ship, 785, J. Gadd, London Feb. 9, General.—MELCHERS & Co.
June 19, *Gazela*, Dutch schooner, 480, J. S. Mulder, Ocheof May 31, Beins and General.—EDUARD SCHELLHAAS & Co.
June 19, *Alphington*, British barque, 826, Gibson Cunningham, Newcastle (N.S.W.) April 13, Coal.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

DEPARTURES.

June 19, *Malacca*, for Yokohama.
19, *Cyphreus*, for Hankow.
19, *Leonor*, for Swatow, &c.
19, *Norwa*, for Swatow.
19, *Mingta*, for Foochow.
19, *Mingta*, for Shanghai.
19, *Ariadne*, Ger. corv., for a cruise.
19, *Hertha*, Ger. corv., for a cruise.
19, *Cyclop*, Ger. g.-b., for a cruise.
19, *U.S.S. Falco*, for a cruise.
19, *U.S.S. Ashcroft*, for a cruise.
19, *William Phillips*, for Tournon.
19, *Glenroy*, for Shanghai.
19, *Huiwang*, for Shanghai.
19, *Iphigeneia*, for Callao.
19, *Messa*, for Cooktown.
19, *Penedo*, for Saigon.
19, *Tartar*, for Yokohama and Hogg.
19, *Puyeu*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Aida, for Saigon.
Orvolins, for Zebu.
Chirite, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.
Per *Bowen*, from Sydney, Capt. Rute, 1 European steamer and 80 Chinese.
Per *Ningpo*, from Shanghai, 30 Chinese.
Per *Puyeu*, from Shanghai, 30 Chinese.
Per *Nestor*, from London, 10 Chinese.
Per *Calabar*, from Singapore, &c., Chinese.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Malacca*, for Yokohama, Messrs J. Elliston, T. Tanaka, J. Woffeld, J. Wood, G. Patterson, J. McDonald, and Lieut. Wade, &c., 23 Japanese and 4 Chinese.
Per *Leonor*, for Swatow, &c., 2 Cabin and 40 Chinese.
Per *Norwa*, for Swatow, 35 Chinese.
Per *Mongolia*, for Shanghai, Mr. Forbes, and Lieut. J. R. Broadley, 88 Chinese and 4 children.
Per *William Phillips*, for Tournon, 3 Cabin and 15 Chinese deck.
Per *Glenroy*, for Shanghai, 1 European.
Per *Huiwang*, for Shanghai, 80 Chinese.
Per *Messa*, for Cooktown, 5 Europeans deck and 139 Chinese.
Per *Satong*, 20 Chinese.
Per *Tartar*, for Yokohama, Mr. A. J. Woiokoff (Russ. Geog. Soc.)
Per *Asia*, for 60 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Cingalee* reports: Generally fine weather.
The British barque *Cochetstone* reports: Light variable winds and fine weather to arrival.
The Chinese steamer *Puyeu* reports: Moderate breeze and fine weather throughout.
The British barque *William Turner* reports: Had light winds and fine weather throughout the passage.
The British steamer *Ningpo* reports: First part of passage fine weather with S.E. winds and from Breaker Point to Port strong S.W. monsoon. At Wooming passed str. Chinkiang and later str. China and off Chapel Island str. Amoy all bound to the Northward.
The French ship *Nestor* reports: Had fine weather to the Equator, thence light S.E. trades and fine weather to 20 Feb. when got heavy weather which lasted eight days. In the Pacific and amongst the Islands to the China Sea, calms and light airs to arrival.
The American ship *Alexander McNeil* reports: Crossed the Equator March 2nd and passed the Meridian of Greenwich April 2nd in lat. 39 46 S. run down Eastings from 42 to 43 S. On May 17th passed Java Head, thence to port experienced light variable winds and calms.
The British steamer *Calabar* reports: Moderate and fine weather throughout.
The Dutch schooner *Gazela* reports: From Shanghai Promontory to Tung-yang experienced equally weather, during the heavy squall several sails and lost top-sail yard, thence to port moderate variable winds.

The British barque *Alphington* reports: Light winds and calms throughout the passage. On 18th June in lat. 19 22 N. and long. 119 43 E. spoke the British ship *Sussex* from Calcutta bound for San Francisco all well.
The British steamer *Bowen* reports: Left Sydney at 6.30 p.m. on 18th May and had variable winds and fine weather along the coast of New South Wales, and on June the 20th at noon passed Cape Moreton. In lat. 20 S. got the S.E. trade winds, arriving at Cooktown at 8 p.m. of the 6th June. Left again on the 8th at 8 p.m. and touched at Somerset on the morning of the 8th. Passed Bobby Island at noon same day and had moderate winds with occasional squalls and much rain in Aratara and Banda Seas. At 2 p.m. of the 12th cleared Manilla Straits and at 8 a.m. of the 13th were abreast of Celebes. In Celebes Sea experienced strong N.W. and adverse current. The 14th, and then had variable winds and fine weather, clearing Mindoro Straits at 8 a.m. of the 15th. In the China Sea had light S.W. winds with occasional showers, and arrived at Hongkong at 7.30 p.m. of the 18th, having been 17 days under steam from Sydney.

CARGO.

Per *Teheran*, sailed 17th June, 1876.—
For London: from Macao, 1,450 boxes and 600 half-chests Tea; from Canton, 28 bales Raw Silk, and 12 boxes Silk Piece Goods; from Amoy, 3,167 half-chests Tea; from Shanghai, 833 boxes, 5,514 half-chests and 4 pgs. Tea, and 228 bales Raw Silk; from Hankow, 3,035 half-chests and 671 chests Tea; from Yokohama, 8 bales Raw Silk.
For New York: from Shanghai, 303 boxes and 200 half-chests Tea. For Continent: from Canton, 28 bales Raw Silk; from Shanghai, 209 half-chests Tea, and 59 bales Raw Silk; from Yokohama, 16 bales Raw Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For HAINAN via CANTON (Overland).—
At 7.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 20th Inst., instead of as previously notified.
For FOCHOOW.—
Per *BOWEN*, at 3.30 p.m. Tomorrow, the 20th Inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.—
Per *DOUGLAS*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 21st Inst.
For SINGAPORE.—
Per *FYEN*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th Inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *ANADYB* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Mauritius, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 23rd Inst.:
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 24th Inst.:
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m. Registry of Letters closes.
11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, to Saigon, or Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.50 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

Hongkong, June 19, 1876. je24

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, June 21.—
11 a.m.—Sale of Stores at H. M. Naval Yard.
Noon.—*Emeralda* leaves for Manila.
Noon.—*Douglas* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

THURSDAY, June 22.—
Goods per *Glenroy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, June 23.—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
Goods per *Sarpedon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Tartar* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, June 24.—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—Government Tenders for Construction close.
American Lloyd's leaves for San Francisco.

MONDAY, June 26.—
Noon.—*Bentley* leaves for London.
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 13, Staunton Street.

TUESDAY, June 27.—
Noon.—Sale of the Steamer *Pauwuel*, at Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes' Office.

FRIDAY, June 30.—
Devolution leaves for London on or about this date.

SATURDAY, July 1.—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Belgia* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, July 15.—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Tartar* leaves for Yokohama and Biogo.
4 p.m.—*Bowen* leaves for Foochow (direct).

Auctions.

Noon.—Sale of Steam Engine Gear, Sundry Fittings, &c., at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s Sale Room.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of the Chinese Insurance Company, Limited, closed from this date to 30th Instant, inclusive.

TO ADVERTISERS.

The attention of Advertisers is respectfully drawn to the fact that a copy of the *China Mail* has for some time past been placed on board of every Steamer and Sailing Vessel on arrival in this Harbour. Facilities which have recently been placed within the reach of Captains and Officers of Ships have resulted in a material increase to the Subscription List of the *Mail* and amongst the shipping in port; and as special arrangements have been made to increase the usefulness of the Shipping List and to extend the circulation in the Bay, these advantages will be at once apparent to Advertisers.

Orders may be sent to
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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.25 p.m.

MARRIAGE.

On Friday, in Hongkong Church, by the Rev. R. Nelson, CARL HERNOLD OCTAVIUS POTTSEN to MATHILDE PETERSEN, (both of Denmark.)

DEATH.

At Macao, on the 1st June, JOHN J. S. OLIVEIRA, aged 71 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1876.

Not one of the least of the dangers now menacing the Government at Peking is that arising from the operations of the numerous Secret Societies that flourish in every part of the country. For generations these associations have been the dread, more or less, of the rulers of China. Although there is good reason to believe that they were originally established for similar objects to those which have brought the various benevolent societies at home into existence, yet it is pretty certain that at the present time the aims of the leaders of these combinations are more ambitious than the mere rendering of mutual aid and assistance in the ordinary wants of life. There is not the shadow of a doubt that some of the most extensive and influential of the Secret Societies in China at the present day are mainly kept alive for political reasons; and that they aim at nothing less than the overthrow of the race of Emperors that now occupy the Dragon Throne. It is in this purpose one of recent

origin. It is a matter of history that about the commencement of the present century the Triad Society, under another name, spread itself through the provinces and nearly succeeded in overturning the present Government. Its machinations were however frustrated, and the principal leaders seized and put to death, the official reports to the Emperor stating—what was not the truth—that "not a single member of that rebellious fraternity was left alive." Some of them still existed, and with a view to secrecy adopted the name which they at present bear. Sir John Davis, in his works on China, states that in October 1828, the following lines, inscribed on paper, were found in the Protestant burial-ground at Macao, and, on their being handed over to the Mandarin of the district, that official entreated that the matter might not be made public, as he would be severely punished for the mere discovery of such a seditious paper within his district:—

"Vast was the central nation,
Flourishing the heavenly dynasty—
A thousand nations sent tribute,
Ten thousand nations did homage;
But the Tartars obtained it by fraud,
And this grudge can never be assuaged.
Enlist soldiers, procure horses,
Display aloft the flowery standard,
Raise troops and seize weapons,
Let us exterminate the Manchu race."

There are signs and rumours that considerable activity is being exhibited by these societies at the present time. Many well-informed persons attribute the 'tail-cutting' excitement to their machinations, and point out that these mysterious clippings of the queue forbade evil to the Manchu rulers, who compelled the Chinese to adopt that useless if ornamental appendage as a badge of subjection. However this may be, it seems pretty clear from the issue of "mysterious posters," the circulation of equally mysterious rumours, and the excited state of the people generally in the country, which in many places has culminated in open rebellion, that secret influences of some kind, not favourable to the reigning dynasty, are at work. A memorial that appeared towards the end of last month in the Peking Gazette also shows that the Chinese authorities themselves are not indifferent to these signs and rumours, and that they intend to deal with the Secret Societies as the source of them. In this memorial the Governor of Kweichow states the measures he proposes to take for the suppression of these combinations in his province. It seems that early in February last the Governor received a despatch from the Grand Council communicating a decree in reference to the secret societies known as the "Elder Brotherhood," which it was said had extended its ramifications to Hunan, Hupoh, Cheukiang, Fuhkien, Yunnan, Kweichow, Szechuen, Shensi, Anhwei and Kiangsi. The decree ordered that "the full penalty of the law should be inflicted on each offender"—which means, we presume, that he should be decapitated—and that the local authorities of the province should employ the utmost vigilance, and that rewards should be bestowed on every person who distinguished himself, in effecting the apprehension of a ringleader of the Society. The memorialist, "passing to admire the careful forethought with which his Majesty aims at grappling betimes with the threatened danger," observes that the Secret Society of the "Elder Brotherhood" originated in the ranks of the army, and has now diffused its poison throughout all parts of the Empire. "Its endeavours at the outset were directed towards inducing the ignorant peasantry to join its ranks on the plea of obtaining protection for their persons and property; whilst, at a later stage, the ranks of the society have been enlarged with fearless audacity, and treasonable designs have begun to be entertained. It is impossible to say what limit there will be to the evil, unless prompt measures of repression be instituted against this ubiquitous organization." This memorial, coming from such an authority as the Governor of the province, and dealing with a subject in regard to which he can have no reason for exaggeration, is sufficient to convince one of the influence and power that is or may be used by these societies against the Government, showing us as it does how extensive and treasonable this combination, of which we have previously heard comparatively little, is, and pointing out the important fact that the soldiery are mixed up with these organizations.

Even while we write we hear a report that at Amoy persons are going about in the guise of medicine-sellers, taking down the names of volunteers for an intended rising, and that the Secret Societies are working to the same end. Matters truly wear a serious aspect for the Government at Peking. Threatened by powerful combinations from within, and stronger powers from without, with its coffers empty and its credit gone, for it has utterly failed to raise the paltry loan it proposed, it has just witnessed the overthrow of the best equipped army it ever placed in the field, and may before long find the conqueror at the gates of the Capital with a demand, backed up by the host of Mahomedan subjects in the Empire, for the throne. From that day would probably date the first real step of the nation in the path of progress.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Press notices the introduction of the Chinese Immigration question into the United States Senate, and also the Post Office Notification of the reductions in postage rates.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The *K'oon Prince Gustaf*, and the *Aurora Australis*, left Sydney for Hongkong on the 30th May.

We learn that the Hon. C. B. Plunkett, of Singapore, has been appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

At the Marine Court to-day, A. Phillips, W. Curtis, Geo. Seavell and James Denmore, firemen belonging to the S.S. *Tartar*, were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and fighting on board the steamer. The defendants all admitted they had been drunk, and were fined \$1 each or 2 days' imprisonment.

A few days ago we stated that the *Anna* affair was not yet settled, the German Minister having, it was alleged, made three demands of China. We now learn that the three demands are:—1, the opening of Wenchow, Woohoo and Ichang to foreign commerce; 2, the abolition of the Lekia tax throughout China; and 3, a reduction in the scale of the Customs' tariff.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 76.0, the minimum 72.0; at the Harbour-Master's Office, the maximum was 80.0, and the minimum 81.5. Only 0.39 inch of rain fell during the week. From a table of meteorological observations taken by Dr. Wherry at the Government Civil Hospital, during the past month, it appears that the total rainfall for May was 12.62 inches, compared with 15.82 inches in the corresponding month of 1875, and 29.23 inches in 1874.

The Monday Evening Entertainments for Sailors appear to have become one of the institutions of our port. Alternately at the Temperance Hall and the Sailors' Home, a weekly sociable evening's amusement is provided, and we are glad to see the double pressure thus brought to bear upon the good work. One of those entertainments takes place in the Sailors' Home, at nine o'clock this evening, when recitations, readings and songs, aided by the R. A. Christy Minstrels, make up an attractive programme.

It will be seen on reference to the Post Office notification published below that some reductions have been made by the Government of this Colony in the rates of postage. They are on the whole very slight ones, but we suppose we must accept them and be thankful. One reduction is in the rate of letters to the United Kingdom via Brindisi from thirty to twenty-eight cents; another, and a more important one, is in the newspaper postage by the same route from six to four cents. The changes in the local rates for private ship are important. Henceforth it will be possible to send a letter to Macao or Canton for two cents, and to the ports of China and Japan, Saigon, Bangkok and the Philippines for four cents, instead of eight. To the United States, British North America, and Madeira, the rate for letters, via Brindisi, has been reduced from thirty-four to thirty-two cents for newspapers. A reduction to the same extent has also been effected in the rates to West Africa, Falkland and Cape Verde Islands, Bermuda, West Indies, Mexico and Central and South America, all by way of Brindisi. The only change via Southampton is in the postage to Portugal and Azores, which is reduced from thirty-four cents for the half-ounce letter to twenty-eight cents. Some other slight reductions are also made. There is, however, no reduction in postage by the French Packets.

In the course of the proceedings of the Supreme Court to-day, the Chief Justice called the attention of Mr. Russell, Police Magistrate, who happened to be in Court, to what he called some misunderstanding that apparently existed between the Magistrates' department and that of the Crown Solicitor. His Lordship was about to try one case, but it was not ready, and one of the reasons given by Mr. Kingmill (who officiated for the Attorney General) was that the papers not sent down till last Friday.

Mr. Russell said so far as the Magistrates were concerned, he did not know of any such misunderstanding.

His Lordship observed, when he was Attorney General, depositions used to come with great regularity.

Mr. Russell remarked that the Magistrates sent the depositions down with all despatch, and he should like to know of any specific cases.

A long discussion here ensued on the duties of the Magistrates in reference to the commitment of cases for trial, and the waiting of notice of trial, and Mr. Russell said if the Chief Justice sent any intimation of his wish, through the Registrar, it would be attended to, and that, after the explanation that had been given, he hoped his Lordship would modify his remarks in reference to the rapidity of sending papers from the Police Court, as there was an invidious comparison between the present and former clerks which certainly would give pain, and which he was sure his Lordship would regret.

His Lordship observed that he did not mean any discourtesy

